

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Chairman's Office

Greetings,

Here we are in mid-summer already. Earlier this summer we started the summer camp for our youngsters and it has been quite enjoyable and exciting for the little ones. We even have the older ones helping out with the camp.

As we enter July, it signals a "change of season" for the administration. It comes to mind that it is "grant" season. We have been truly blessed to receive quite a number of grants to maintain and improve our facilities here on the rez. We recently received federal dollars to replace the school roof and air conditioning system in the amount of 1.2 million dollars. We are 99.9% sure we will be receiving 1.8 million dollars for the completion of the next phase of our roads improvement plan. This will complete everything from RiverCane to the ballpark on the west side.

It's also time for our routine contract renewals with the BIA, IHS, and HUD. It seems that each year we wait for the "restoration" of our funding, as it is inevitable that we get cuts across the board. Simply stated Indian Country has barely enough friends in congress to keep fighting for maintaining our funding levels. Given that there's a war going on, domestic programs seem to rate pretty low on the priority list. [Actually, that's been the story of our existence since I can remember here in the administration.]

Budget season doesn't stop with federal programs; it also signals the start of formulating tribal program budgeting. All of our directors are given a target number to work with and asked to generate two scenarios, one with "essential" program operations and another, containing "well justified additional needs".

July 2007

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This method seems to have the best results in holding the line on programmatic growth that, in this day and age, are difficult to fund.

In other news, our RV Park expansion is underway and as I mentioned last issue, it will add another 19 spaces for campers and motor homes. The cost of making this happen is 1.15 million dollars. The Tribal Council feels that this addition will further enable us to market more aggressively to RV clubs and such. Taking this phased approach has served us well in the past and we look for the next phase to come soon.

On June 9th we held our Tribal election and I want to congratulate the winners of the primary election. Our Vice Chairman was unopposed this year so Tricia Mora is back for another term. Jill Louviere was elected to a school board seat and there is a run-off for the remaining seat between Jack Darden and Kitty Vilcan. In the Chairman's race, there will be a run-off between Lonnie Martin and myself (Alton LeBlanc). The run-off election is on July 14th and absentee voting is now open everyday until then. I encourage everyone to get out and support your candidates and let your voice be heard.

In closing, I wish everyone a great summer season and please be safe.

Until Next Time, Huya Nito

Resolutions for the Month of June

- #39-07 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to submit a contract renewal application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Consolidated Tribal Government Program for FY '08 through FY '10, and to negotiate and sign any and all documentation pertaining to the contract for this three year period.
- #40-07 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to enter into a contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, upon approved review of the contract by the Tribal Staff and Legal Counsel, for the purpose of completing the roadway design and the Cultural Resource Survey.
- #41-07 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to enter into a contract with Cox Communications upon approved review of the contract from Tribal Staff and Legal Counsel for the purpose of providing cable television services to the Tribal RV-Park.
- #42-07 Authorizes a Land Lease for James Benjamin Bernard.
- #43-07 Authorizes a Land Lease for Jolby Mitchell Schexnaider.
- #44-07 Authorizes and approves the requested revision of Lot 221 and will be identified as Lot 221-A and Lot 221-B as identified on Drawing #12582, and authorizes the submission of the revised plat to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of recording the noted changes to the plat.
- #45-07 Authorizes a Land Lease for Klint John Parro.
- #46-07 Authorizes a Land Lease for Richard Allen Picard III.
- #47-07 Ratifies the Chitimacha Tribal School Board's decision to change the child care facility name to Yaamahana/Chitimacha Child Development Center.
- #48-07 Accepts the proposed Louisiana State Police Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, and disbursement pursuant to this budget shall only occur for expenses actually incurred and provided a Tribal-State Compact is, and remains, in effect, and authorizes the Chairman to execute and sign the budget request form.
- #49-07 Appoints Lillian B. LeBlanc to serve as a Member of the Chitimacha Scholarship Committee.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL NOTICE



First day of school for the
2007-2008 school year:

Monday, August 13th

This is a ***full day*** of school!

New Students:

Please register as soon as possible!

Documents needed:

Social Security Card

Birth Certificate

Up-to-date Immunization Record

(Please check your child's immunization record - your child may be
in need of immunizations. ***Immunizations must be
up-to-date upon enrollment!***)

If you have any questions, please call CTS

Summer hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Supply lists were sent home in May.

They are also available at CTS and at Wal-Mart.

Recreation Newsletter

June 2007



Chitimacha Challenge: At the end of 19 weeks, a total of 5 participants completed the Challenge. Congratulations to Robin Compton, Susan Deslatte, Juanita Dugas, and Elaine Higgins, and Ann Olds.

Baseball: All Star teams have been selected and tournament play has begun. Good luck to all the All Stars.

Pool: The pool is open with excitement. Pool hours are as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-7:00 PM, Friday 8:00-11:30 AM, 1:00-7:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 1:00-7:00 PM. Lifeguards are on duty Tuesday through Friday from 1:00-4:00 PM. The pool is closed every Monday for cleaning. The Bonzai Slide can be enjoyed on Tuesdays and Thursdays during lifeguarding hours.

Lifeguard Training: The training was held May 29- June 1. The following guards successfully completed the training: Ariel Marsh, Devynn DePue, Brooke Baudoin, Jonathan Sanders, Yvette Darden, Amanda Sisk, and Molly Chaisson. Thank you to the Fire Department for the mock rescue. With their prompt response time, they assisted our lifeguards with a mock rescue of a passive, drowning victim. This real life demonstration is a training tool and will help our lifeguards if ever they have to manage an emergency of this type.

Swim Team: Swim Team was fast and furious. We started the first week of June with practices on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Two swim meets were held on June 14 and 21 against New Iberia Aquatics. Our 54 member swim team had the opportunity to compete in twenty-five meters of four different strokes and a free style relay. Teche Talk captured the footage of our swimmers. Erica Compton and Gabby Darden swam the American Flag and Chitimacha Swim Team Flag while two designated New Iberia swimmers swam their colors. Included are pictures of some of our swimmers. Swim Team ended with a party consisting of hot dogs, chips, cookies, drinks, and door prizes. Also included in the fun was the Bonzai Slide which was a huge hit. Along with Swim Team, all Chitimacha Baseball and Softball participants were invited to the party. A total of 70 participants attended and fun was shared by all.



Swim Lessons: Swimming Lessons were held June 12-22. Our swimming lessons class enrollment totaled 77 participants ranging from our 2 year old water exploration class to our ten year old stroke refinement. Our instructor line up included summer camp workers as assistants: Aaron LeBlanc, Dustin Bobbitt, Ariel Marsh, Devynn DePue, Maggie Darden, and Calieb Johnson. They were held June 12-22. Adult instructors included Michelle Bishop, Tammy Darden, WSI Instructors Kathy Sanders, Hannah Doucet, and Jeri St. Blanc. Lifeguarding the lessons were Yvette Darden and Amanda Sisk. A remarkable improvement was noted in our youngest swimmers, twos, threes, and fours, during the two week swimming session. A big thank you goes out to the Maintenance Department for providing transportation to and from lessons. Age groups are pictured.



Summer Youth Camp: A combination of efforts between Recreation and Yaamahana produced a much needed ten week summer camp for children between the ages of 5 and 10. The summer camp began June 4 under the guidance of Jill Gianfala and Carla Newman. The camp consists of: Supervised play, swim activities, art activities, library visits, horse back rides, and several field trips including the movies, zoo, skating, Lake Fausse Point State Park, Harvey Rabbit, and bowling. Special Thanks to Rhonda and Calieb Johnson for providing the great opportunity of horse back riding. Currently enrolled in the camp are 13 tribal members and employee children. Several pictures are included. The Council generously allowed the summer youth workers to help supervise and assist with the summer campers. They have proved to be positive role models as they have worked and played along with the kids. They are as follows: Kaitlan Louviere, Aaron LeBlanc, Maggie Darden, Devynn DePue, Ariel Marsh, Dustin Bobbitt, Calieb Johnson, and Alfred Crochet.



Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



JUNE 2007

No traffic citations were issued for the month of June 2007.

The following arrests were logged for June 2007:

- 06-06-07 One male subject for possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.**
- 06-10-07 One female subject for simple battery.**
- 06-15-07 One female subject on an outstanding Chitimacha police warrant for theft.**
- 06-16-07 One female subject on outstanding warrants from Iberia Parish for failure to appear on charges of issuing worthless checks, speeding and operating a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.**
- 06-19-07 One male subject for possession of marijuana second offense.**
- 06-20-07 One male subject on outstanding warrants from 16th Judicial Court for failure to appear and comply with the terms and conditions of the Drug Court program.**

NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

Officer Luke St. Blanc, who was a member of the Chitimacha reserve officers, began his employment as a full-time patrol officer on May 29, 2007. Officer St. Blanc replaced Officer Albert Guillory who resigned as a full-time patrol officer but will remain with the department as a reserve officer. Officer Luke St. Blanc has many years of law enforcement experience having served in different positions with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.

Communications Officer Sandra Cheramie began her employment with the department on June 18, 2007 and is presently in training and learning all the procedures of the dispatching center.

We welcome Luke and Sandra to the Chitimacha Police Department Team!

FIREWORKS



One of the ways of celebrating the Fourth of July is with fireworks and these firework celebrations start *before* July 4 and continue *after* July 4. It is fun for children and adults to celebrate with fireworks but we have been receiving complaints about the noise and careless use of fireworks in the residential areas of the reservation. *Please be considerate of your neighbors when using fireworks—do not shoot fireworks towards people, buildings, or vehicles and because of the noise, do not shoot fireworks late into the night. RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS AND THEIR PROPERTY.*

Police officers will respond to all complaints about the careless use and the noise from fireworks. If officers have to respond to the same residence or subjects more than once in the same shift, there is a good chance that your fireworks will be taken away.

HOPE YOU ALL HAD A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY!

CHITIMACHA POLICE “ARRIVE ALIVE IN JULY” CAMPAIGN

Effective July 01 to July 31, 2007

**The Chitimacha Police Department will have an
“Arrive Alive In July” Campaign
On The Reservation**

Chitimacha Police Department officers will be focusing on Seat Belts and Child Restraints.

From time to time there will be “check points” set up for the purpose of checking seat belts, child restraints, drivers licenses, vehicle registrations, and vehicle insurance.

Chitimacha Health Department Calendar of Events 2007



Judith Dupuis, Dietician, will provide nutritional/diabetic education for all of the events listed below. This is your diabetes support, see you there!!

Breakfast is usually ready between 7:30 – 8:00. Cooking Class will be at noon.

Remaining 2007

07/11/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (RIVERCANE)
08/01/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (RIVERCANE)
*08/22/2007	Cooking Class Rivercane (RIVERCANE) Lunch
09/05/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (RIVERCANE)
*09/19/2007	Senior Outing – Restaurant - around noon

For more information please contact Judith at 923-9955 ext. 3011 or Lori at ext 3005

Note: All dates of events are tentative and are subject to change

Cooking class changed from June 27 to August 22

Senior Outing Scheduled for Sept. 19th

Please note: **All Tribal Members and Spouses** are invited to participate.

ASSISTANT CHILD CARE PROVIDER

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana has a position available at Yaamahana / Chitimacha Child Development Center for a full-time Assistant Child Care Provider.

Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED and must be 18 years of age. Six (6) months of relevant childcare experience is preferable.

Preference will be given to qualified Native Americans.

Subject to pre-employment and random drug testing.

Subject to pre-employment physical examination.

A background investigation will be required.

To Apply: View our website www.chitimacha.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA. Applications are accepted: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MONDAY JULY 16, 2007.



Proper Child Restraint Recommendations

Conditions	Infants		Toddlers	Older Children
Weight and Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth to at least 1 year old AND at least 20 pounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth to at least 1 year old More than 20 pounds and less than 35 pounds 	Over 1 year old, over 20 pounds, up to approximately 40 pounds	Over 40 pounds, ages 4-8, unless 4'9" tall
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear-facing convertible	Rear-facing convertible designed for heavier infants	Convertible/forward-facing/high-back booster with harness	Belt-positioning booster (high-back or no-back)
Seat Position	Rear-facing only		Forward-facing	Forward-facing
Always Make Sure	Harness straps are at, or below shoulder level.		Harness straps should be at, or above, shoulder level.	Belt-positioning booster seats are used with lap/shoulder belt combination only.
Remember	Do not place infants in the front seat of vehicles with air bags.		5-point harnesses provide the best protection.	Make sure the lap belt portion fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries.

Children 12 and under are safest when properly restrained in the rear seat. Keep children rear-facing as long as possible. Always refer to the child safety seat instructions and vehicle manufacture's instructions for weight limits, proper use and installation.

This advertisement's publication is a stipulation of grant funds received.



28 May 2007

In honor of Memorial Day, Post & Auxiliary Members of Post 1982, gathered after first attending Holy Mass @ 8:00 a.m. @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, New Iberia, Louisiana. They were invited to do a special flag service over at the home of deceased veteran, Thomas Louis Vilcan. There his wife, Mary Ann, greeted her friends, new Commander, and new Auxiliary President. All members present gave honor as two flags were raised upon the flagpole; one of the United States of America and the other proudly displaying the Sovereign Nation of the Chitimacha. Next, two wreaths loaded with the "Buddy Poppies" were hung on the fence gates respectfully honoring all deceased veterans. Once the services were finished, everyone was welcomed in Ann's home to enjoy coffee and refreshments.

On behalf of Tom, our children, grandchildren and myself, Thank You all for attending...

Merci Mes Ami, Le Bon Dieu Vous Beni.

Love, Mary Ann Vilcan



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A Note of Thanks

*Thank you to everyone for your
support in electing
me to the Chitimacha Tribal School Board.*

Sincerely,

Jill Proctor Louviere

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



Congratulations to Brandy &
Nick on the birth of your son,
Kadin James Landry
June 25, 2007
Love, Family & Friends

The children of Wanda Gail
Snidow Darden French
would like to thank every-
one who made contributions
of food, donations, and
prayers for us in our time of
sorrow. Your help was
greatly appreciated. Thanks
so much for showing how
much you care.

CHITIMACHA OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us for prayer, worship, and fellowship. We are not a denomina-
tion, so we will not try to get you to join a cult or nothing. We will not ask you for
your money, so relax, we just want an hour or so of your time.

We meet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at the Chitimacha Recreational Center.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Numbers: 923-6941 or 578-1249.

God Bless You,
Orien Butaud

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